

HO-944
"Oakland Farm"
1825 McKendree Road
Cooksville vicinity
Howard County, Maryland
Private
c. 1899

Description:

"Oakland Farm" is located on the east side of the road, just south of Route 70. The complex consists of a frame and brick house that faces west towards the road, a frame barn with a concrete block dairy and a silo attached, a CMU shelter shed, a framed wagon shed with a concrete block addition attached to it, a small frame smokehouse or shed, a frame tenant house, and a framed outbuilding near the tenant house. The house is a two-and-one-half story, five-bay by one-bay frame structure with a two-story, three-bay by three-bay ell the rear. The main block has a rubble stone foundation, frame walls with asbestos shingle siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal, a north-south ridge, and a cross gable on the west elevation. The ell is three-to-one common-bond brick on the first story and a frame second story with asbestos shingles. There is a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge. On the west elevation, the first story has a center door with four panels that have sunken fields and bolection panel moulds. There is a five-bay, one-story porch on the west. The house has a center-passage, single-pile plan with an ell that contains a cross passage to the west and two rooms to the east. The center passage has a straight-run stair on the north wall. The south and north rooms and the cross passage each have a marbleized slate mantel. The second story of the main block mirrors the first story in plan, and the ell has a center passage that runs east-west, with two chambers to each side. A banked barn is banked into the hill on the north, with the overshoot facing south, and has a rubble stone lower story and a frame upper story with board-and-batten siding fastened with wire nails. There is a gable roof with corrugated metal and an east-west ridge, and a wood-louvered cupola on the center of the ridge. The barn was originally a smaller structure that was enlarged by adding onto the south end and raising the barn in height. The wagon shed is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure on CMU piers, with board-and-batten siding that is circular-sawn and fastened with both cut and wire nails. There is a gable roof with a north-south ridge and inverted-v-seam metal.

Significance:

"Oakland Farm" was originally part of the 370-acre farm of Gen. Thomas Hood, who had command of the local militia and represented this area of Ann Arundel County in the legislature from 1814 to 1834. The Hood farm was known as "Oakland" when Walter Dorsey sold the farm, now 200 acres, to Edward and William Snyder in 1886. In 1896 the improvements were assessed at \$1310, and then in April 1900 the Snyders were assessed for a new dwelling, worth \$1,800, and a new tenant house, worth \$200. They added a new barrack worth \$350 in 1903. The tenant house was probably necessary

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because neither of the Snyders was married, so there were no children to help supply additional labor on the farm. The existing house has a backbuilding that is three-to-one common-bond brick on the first story, with frame above, and one of the original segmentally-arched window openings survives. This structure probably dates to the third quarter of the eighteenth century, though there is no fabric inside of the building from this period that survives. It appears that only the brick shell survived and was incorporated into the new house. The main block and the second story of the ell all have trim that dates to c. 1890-1915, so the 1900 date in the tax assessment fits right into this period. Edward Snyder died in 1924 and William in 1937, just a month after his sister, Sallie, who also may have lived at "Oakland Farm." The Snyders had no children and the farm was sold at public auction. The farm was sold and broken up for development, with the current owners acquiring the house and outbuildings in 1986.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic "Oakland Farm"
other

2. Location

street and number 1825 McKendree Road not for publication
city, town Cooksville vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Mary P. Weir
street and number 1825 McKendree Road telephone 410-489-9863
city, town West Friendship state MD zip code 21794

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: map 9, p.10
city, town Ellicott City liber 10596 folio 126

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	6	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	6	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0	

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

“Oakland Farm” is located at 1825 McKendree Road, on the east side of the road, just south of Route 70 in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The complex consists of a frame and brick house that faces west towards the road, a frame barn with a concrete block dairy and a silo attached, a CMU shelter shed, a framed wagon shed with a concrete block addition attached to it, a small frame smokehouse or shed, a frame tenant house, and a framed outbuilding near the tenant house.

House, exterior

The house is a two-and-one-half story, five-bay by one-bay frame structure with a two-story, three-bay by three-bay ell the rear. The main block has a rubble stone foundation, frame walls with asbestos shingle siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal, a north-south ridge, and a cross gable on the west elevation. The ell is three-to-one common-bond brick on the first story and a frame second story with asbestos shingles. There is a gable roof with standing seam metal and an east-west ridge. On the west elevation, the first story has a center door with four panels that have sunken fields and bolection panel moulds. The top panels also have pediments at the top and sills at the bottom. The bottom panels have bull’s eye corner blocks. The posts that flank the door and separate the side lights are chamfered. The side lights originally had three lights but have been converted to single lights, the transom bar has a scalloped applied decoration with drill holes and what appears to be a geometrically stylized egg and dart moulding. The transom has three lights with new glass. There are two new two-over-two sash on either side of the doorway, with fake shutters. There is a five-bay, one-story porch on the west with a concrete deck and new plastic railings. There are chamfered boxed posts with sawn brackets that have a rosette in the center, and these appear to be reused when the porch was significantly reconstructed. There is bead-board soffit on the porch and a half-hip roof with standing-seam metal. The second story has five new one-over-one sash and the cross gable has a semi-circular-arched four-over-four sash. There is a wood cornice with returns. Two interior brick chimneys flank the cross gable on the ridge.

The south elevation of the main block has a cellar bulkhead entrance in front of a three-sided bay window. The bay window is two stories tall with a low roof, and has three one-over-one sash on both the first and second stories. The gable end has a two-over two sash. The ell is recessed from the plane of the main block and the brick is painted, with some shallow struck joints. The first story has a door in the west bay with two lights over two panels, and has a wood lintel. The brickwork here appears to be cut through and patched. Set west of center is a new one-over-one sash with a wood sill and lintel and there is a new porch over these two west bays. The east bay of the ell has a small one-over-one sash in a segmentally-arched opening, with a wood sill. The second story has three one-over-one sash. There is a wood box cornice with returns and an interior brick chimney just west of center.

The east elevation has an enclosed porch on the first story with all new openings. The east wall of the ell has doors in the end bays that have four lights over three lying panels, and there is a pair of four-light casements in the center hung on butt hinges with ball finials. New bead board covers the brick wall of the ell. The second story has a one-over-one sash in the center and the north bays and the gable end has a one-over-one sash. The north elevation of the ell has a one-over-one sash in the east bay that has a concrete sill, a wood lintel, and rebuilt brick above the lintel. There is a door set west of center that matches the west elevation, with a one-over-one sash next to it. Both of these openings have wood sills and lintels. There is a new porch covering these two openings. The brick around the doorway appears to be rebuilt. The second story has two one-over-one sash, with nothing in the center bay. The north elevation of the main block has two two-light sash in the foundation. The first story has a one-over-one sash in the center and the second story has two one-over-one sash. The gable end has a two-over-two sash.

House, interior

The basement has a dirt floor and rubble stone walls with traces of whitewash. The west wall has a narrow, tall recess just north of center and a seam in the wall about seven feet south of the northeast corner. The east wall is on bedrock that extends into the basement. The joists above are circular-sawn, 2-3/4 inches by 10 inches, run east-west and have bridging with cut nails. There is brick nogging in the walls, and the bricks are set in mortar. There are two two-light sash on the north. There are stone piers on the north and south sides of the center stairway for the fireplaces above. The south wall is open, with stairs to the exterior. There is a

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crawl space under the ell and the joists appear to match the main block. There appears to be a joist that runs diagonally, but it is not possible to tell what this joist is doing or when it may have been placed here.

The house has a center-passage, single-pile plan with an ell that contains a cross passage to the west and two rooms to the east. The center passage has carpeting, baseboard with a quirked ogee and bevel, and symmetrical architrave that is pulvinated in the center, with a small cavetto to each side and a bead on each edge. There are also bull's eye corner blocks. The front door has four panels with sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. There is a mortise lock with porcelain knobs and butt hinges with three knuckles and ball finials. The side lights have been altered. There is a single panel below each that has a sunken field and a quirked ogee and bevel panel mould. The interior doors are four panels that match the front door, with plain cast-iron rim locks that have porcelain knobs and foliate cast-iron butt hinges with three knuckles and a mixture of ball finials and acorn finials. The doors are not mortised and tenoned and pinned. There is a straight-run stair on the north wall with an open stringer and sawn brackets. It has a turned oak newel post that has two pairs of beads around the center and a large acorn finial on top. There are turned oak balusters that have four beads around the center, and they are tapered. The oak hand rail is moulded. There is a small powder room at the east end of the passage that has typical architrave and a new door. The powder room has new tile and new fixtures, and there is typical architrave on the inside of the door. The stair newel has a drop pendant that comes down through the ceiling of the powder room. At the east end of the stairs, north of the doorway to the powder room, is a door to the cellar steps. It has typical architrave, but has a four-panel door with flush fields that have ovolo panel moulds, and this door is mortised and tenoned and pinned. It has a typical rim lock and butt hinges with two knuckles, but is much older than the other doors in the house. The interior side of this door is grained.

The south room has carpeting and typical baseboard and architrave. The west windows extend down to the baseboard. All of the sash on the first and second stories are new. There is a fireplace on the north elevation that has a slate hearth and firebrick on the floor of the firebox. It has straight brick jambs. There is a marbleized slate mantel with a semi-circular-arched opening and pilasters with incised geometrical detail. Similar decoration is on the otherwise plain frieze, and there is no bed mould and a plain mantel shelf. The south elevation has a bay window. The east wall has a pair of French doors with modern trim. This wall is very thick and is hollow on the west side, while it is plaster on masonry on the east side.

The north room has carpeting and typical baseboard and architrave. The west windows also extend down to the baseboard. On the south elevation is a fireplace that is closed off and appears it was never a working fireplace, but was probably always a flue for a furnace. There is a slate hearth and a marbleized slate mantel with scroll brackets on the face of chamfered pilaster strips. These brackets support a small shelf at the bottom of the frieze, and there are short brackets below the top mantel shelf. The mantel has a round-arched opening with a painted metal cover. There is incised geometric design on the pilasters and the frieze. The east wall has a pair of French doors and modern trim, and this leads to the cross passage in the ell.

The cross passage has plaster on masonry on all four walls. There is modern trim on the west doorways. There is carpeting and typical baseboard and architrave on the north and south elevations. The north and south doors have two lights over two panels that have sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. The doors have butt hinges with three knuckles and acorn finials, and there are transoms with two lights and stained glass. The north door has a mortise lock with a mineral knob, while the south door mortise lock has a brass knob. On the east elevation is a fireplace in the center that is closed off. It has a slate hearth and a marbleized slate mantel that is now painted white, with incised geometric decoration on otherwise plain pilasters and frieze. The mantel has a plain shelf and no bed mould. The east elevation has a doorway set to the south that has a segmentally-arched opening, and another doorway set to the north that has modern trim.

The southeast room in the ell has new flooring, plain baseboard, and architrave with a broken field and a small ogee at the break, plus a small ogee on the inner edge. The door on the east elevation has four lights over three lying panels. This room is an old kitchen with wood cabinets that probably date to the 1950's. There is drywall on the ceiling over circular-sawn lath that runs north-

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south. The ell northeast room is a modern kitchen with new flooring and the walls have been furred out. The architrave is symmetrical, with two ogees in the center and a bead to each side, plus a small bead on the inner edge. According to the owner, this trim was removed from their previous house, located on Route 32, cleaned and installed here. It has bull's eye corner blocks. There is a two-run stair in the northeast corner that was originally enclosed but was opened up when the kitchen was done. There are beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards below the stringer, and they are new. The stairway ascends to the east, along the north wall, to a landing, and then turns to the south. There is a door on the east elevation that has four lights over three lying panels.

The second story of the main block mirrors the first story in plan, and the ell has a center passage that runs east-west, with two chambers to each side. The passage in the main block has carpeting, typical baseboards and architrave, and typical doors with mineral knobs. There is an open stairway to the attic, along the north wall, and it matches the first story stair in details. The newel posts on the stair have drop pendants. On the east elevation is a doorway to the ell, and the north and south elevations have doorways set at the east end leading into the two chambers. The south chamber has carpeting, typical baseboards, and typical architrave. There is a bay window on the south elevation and a closet on the north elevation, set to the west, with a typical door and architrave. The north chamber is the same as the south but has no closet. A modern closet has been added on the south elevation, next to the chimney.

The ell passage has carpeting, typical baseboard, architrave, and doors, and a window at the east end. The ell southwest chamber matches the passage and has a new closet on the east. The ell northwest chamber matches the passage, with a closet on the east, set to the north, that has typical architrave and a two-panel door with a mortise lock that has a brass knob and escutcheon. This appears to date to the 1930's, and there are butt hinges with five knuckles and ball finials. There is also a new closet on the south side of this chamber. The ell southeast chamber is a modern bathroom. The passage window and the door on the west, southeast, and northeast have plain corner blocks. The door on the northeast leads to the ell stairs.

The attic in the main block is finished and the plan matches that of the first and second stories. The walls are plaster on circular-sawn lath. Stair details match the first and second stories. The flooring is 3- to 4-inch pine that is tongue-and-grooved and runs north-south. There is plain baseboard and head-cut trim. The doors have beaded-edge vertical boards with cast-iron butt hinges that have two knuckles, and the locks are missing. The sash are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners and the muntins. There is a chimney on the north wall of the south attic room and the south wall of the north attic room. The ell is also plastered and has one room to the west and one room to the east, with a typical door between them. The west room of the ell has a knotty pine closet built in on the north wall and a brick chimney that is about in the center of this wall. The lath is fastened with cut nails. The ell rafters are two-by-eights that are circular-sawn, and the rafter feet are mitered and set on the joists. The joists run north-south, are 3-by-8s, and are circular-sawn.

Shed

About forty feet northeast of the house is a shed with a rubble stone foundation, board-and-batten siding, and a gable roof with an east-west ridge and raised inverted-L-seam metal roofing. It is one story and one bay by one bay, and the ground slopes down to the east and south from this building and is gently rolling. There are rock outcroppings to the south of this shed. The south elevation has a vertical-board door on butterfly hinges, and several of the boards have a bead on the edge. There are no openings on the east, west, or north elevations. The building is locked and the key cannot be located at present.

Barn

A banked barn is located about 150 feet southwest of the house. It is banked into the hill on the north, with the overshoot facing south, and has a rubble stone lower story and a frame upper story with board-and-batten siding fastened with wire nails. There is a gable roof with corrugated metal and an east-west ridge, and a wood-louvered cupola on the center of the ridge that has a hip roof with asphalt shingles. The north elevation has a ramp in the center with wood louvers in front of a three-light sash in both the east and west bays. The upper story has center wagon doors on rollers that have tongue-and-grooved beaded boards and wire nails. On

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either side of the wagon doors are four vents, placed two above two. There is a name painted above the door, most of it hidden by a later name plate added over top. The visible letters are "OA ??? RM."

The west elevation has a silo attached to the south, and this is concrete with steel hoops and a metal dome. The lower story north bay has a three-light sash. The upper story north bay has one wood vent below another wood vent, and the upper story south bay has one wood vent at the top, behind the silo. The gable end has one vent in the center. On the south side of the silo is a shelter shed with a CMU foundation, German siding on the first story with steel sash, and the shed roof with inverted V-seam metal that slopes down to the west. On the east elevation of the barn the lower story has a dairy attached to the center, with a door in the center of the wall connecting the dairy to the barn. There is a three-light sash in the north bay of the lower story. The upper story has four vents, set two above two, and there is one vent in the gable end. The south elevation has a low stone wall with framing on top of it and some vertical boards that survive on this framing. There is some surviving 12-light sash and they pivot at the bottom and open in. This lower story wall had two windows to the west, a doorway, 15 windows, and a doorway to the east. The stone walls of the foundation on the east and west gable ends were carried out to the south end of the overshoot. The upper story has four vents in each end, set two above two, and two vents in the center, set one above the other. To each side of this center bay are two doors, set one above the other. The doors have vertical boards and are hung on T-hinges.

The lower story is a modern milking parlor with a concrete floor that has troughs in it, two rows of steel stanchions that run east-west, and bead-board ceiling.

The upper story of the barn has a center threshing floor with a hay mow to each side. The barn was originally a smaller structure that was enlarged by adding onto the south end and raising the barn in height. The original frame is hewn, with sawn up-braces and the east and west ends have four posts with dropped girts. All of this framing is mortised and tenoned and pegged. Short posts were added on to the top of the girts with pieces of wood bolted across the joint to hold these short posts in place. Girts were then set on top of the short posts. The north plate for this addition appears to be reused and is probably the original south plate. It has empty mortises for missing braces. The original scarf joint was half-lapped, with beveled haunches and two face pegs. The original section has three horizontals between the bottom sill and the top plate, and these are sawn and mortised and tenoned and pegged. The barn has inner bents that must be completely new construction, though the posts are hewn and mortised and tenoned and pegged. These bents have a single center post with up-braces into dropped girts. There are queen posts on the girts, with a down-brace to the outside, and these could be reused purlin struts that were set up-right. These inner girts are circular-sawn, with waney edges. The rafters are sawn, with some reused ones that are hewn. The reused rafters had half-dovetailed lapped collar beams that were nailed. There are two joints on each rafter near each other, suggesting the possibility of scissor bracing, or even scissor trusses. There is no opening in the roof to give access to the cupola.

Dairy

The dairy is a one-story, three-bay by one-bay rock-faced concrete block structure with a gable roof that has an east-west ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The south elevation has an opening in the west bay, while the center and east bays each have a six-light sash. The east elevation has a bead-board door. The north elevation has a six-light sash in the east and center bays and a bead-board door in the west bay.

Wagon Shed

There is a wagon shed located about forty feet northwest of the barn. It is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure on CMU piers, with board-and-batten siding that is circular-sawn and fastened with both cut and wire nails. There is a gable roof with a north-south ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The south elevation has one large opening in the center and the remains of a six-over-six sash in the gable end. The east elevation has a vertical-board door in the center, hung on butterfly hinges, with pedimented head-cut trim. The north elevation has a large opening in the center and a track for a door that hung on rollers. There is a six-over-six sash in the gable end. A CMU shed is attached to the west elevation. The interior of the wagon shed has vertical

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slats with several openings on the west crib, and a vertical board door here set to the south. The east crib has vertical boards, some of which have been cut away, with a door in the center and hatch doors at the top to the north and south walls. All of the doors are hung on butterfly hinges. The building is constructed with a circular-sawn mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged heavy timber braced framed, and there are marriage marks for the braces to the posts on the east side. The center posts on the east side are marked with roman numerals two and three. The door posts have roman numerals one and two on the sill, suggesting that the doorway here is original. The upper story has three quarter-round log joists and is floored, but there is no stairway up to it.

Outbuilding

About two hundred feet south of the house is a one-story, three-bay by three-bay outbuilding that has a CMU foundation, frame walls with board-and-batten siding on the west and vertical boards on the north, and a gable roof with corrugated metal and a north-south ridge. The building has open eaves. The north elevation has a doorway to the east and a hatch in the center. The west elevation has a doorway set to the north and a six-light sash in the center and south bays. The south elevation is missing some siding where the frame has been repaired. The east elevation has a hole cut in the center. The building has a dirt floor and a circular-sawn frame that is mortised and tenoned and pegged. There are circular-sawn 2 by 4 rafters that are mitered by the ridge. A partition wall of horizontal boards divides the center into two sections, with the wall running north-south.

Also on the property is a tenant house that is located southeast of the main house and is either a newer structure, or has been significantly altered and has little historical integrity. There is a chicken shed near the tenant house that was built recently, according to the owner, and is frame.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

1900

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

"Oakland Farm" was originally part of the 370-acre farm of Gen. Thomas Hood, who had command of the local militia and represented this area of Ann Arundel County in the legislature from 1814 to 1834. Hood died in 1849 and left his farm to his son, Henry, who must have died shortly afterward. The farm was sold in 1852, and was described as having "a good brick dwelling house, a barn and other out-houses." A 1905 description of the Hood property states that Hood "lived in sight of the National Pike," and adds: "His [Gen. Hood's] brick house of quaint and curious design, is perhaps the oldest in that section." This suggests that Hood's house was still standing at that time, which is important for the interpretation of the property, as will be seen below. Hood's farm was bought by Walter Dorsey, and the deed describes it as 282 1/2 acres, though it is not clear whether earlier surveys exaggerated the size of the farm, or whether some land was sold separately. The 1860 Martenet Map of Howard County shows two buildings in this area belonging to Walter Dorsey, one of them in the general vicinity of the existing house. In 1864 Walter Dorsey purchased the Robert's Inn property at Cooksville (HO-5), and wherever he may have lived after buying the Hood property, it is believed he moved to Cooksville. The 1876 tax assessment lists three properties owned by Dorsey, with the Cooksville land first, which generally indicates that that was where he lived. The "Oakland" property was 451 acres, so Dorsey must have purchased some additional land to go along with the Hood farm. (1)

The Hood farm was known as "Oakland" when Dorsey sold the farm, now 200 acres, to Edward and William Snyder in 1886. The Snyders are listed in an undated tax assessment entry with unspecified improvements worth \$600, plus a hay barrack valued at \$250 and a new corn house valued at \$200. There are also undated entries for livestock, farming implements and furniture, then additional entries in 1893 for more livestock. In 1896 the improvements were assessed at \$1310, and then in April 1900 the Snyders were assessed for a new dwelling, worth \$1,800, and a new tenant house, worth \$200. They added a new barrack worth \$350 in 1903. The tenant house was probably necessary because neither of the Snyders was married, so there were no children to help supply additional labor on the farm. (2)

The existing house has a backbuilding that is three-to-one common-bond brick on the first story, with frame above, and one of the original segmentally-arched window openings survives. This structure probably dates to the third quarter of the eighteenth century, though there is no fabric inside of the building from this period that survives. It appears that only the brick shell survived and was incorporated into the new house. The main block and the second story of the ell all have trim that dates to c. 1890-1915, so the 1900 date in the tax assessment fits right into this period. The main block is a common center-passage, single-pile plan, and these front two rooms retain marbleized slate mantels. The brick ell has one long room against the main block, and this also has a slate mantel, but it has been painted over. The other half of the brick ell is divided into two rooms, one an older kitchen and the other a modern one. The second story of the main block mirrors the first, but the ell has a center passage that connects to the main block passage. The house has had some mid-twentieth century alterations, especially in the first-story ell, but these are rather minor. More significant are the alterations to the front porch and the sidelights, which have

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compromised some of the historic integrity.

The size of the original brick house, assuming it was only a one-story building, is rather small to have been Gen. Hood's residence in the first half of the nineteenth century. More importantly, the brick section of the Snyder's house was buried in their large additions by 1900 and was not likely to have been described by a local historian in 1905. Most likely, Hood lived in a different building on the property, such as the other one shown on the 1860 map under Walter Dorsey's name. This is, in a sense, academic since only the shell survives. The house is a turn-of-the-twentieth-century structure, and there are several farm buildings of the same period associated with it. The tax records make no note of the barn, the earliest part of which appears to predate the house; this may be because the barn was lumped into the generic "improvements," though there is also no mention of alterations to the barn. The original barn walls survive on the north side and the east and west gable ends, and are of hewn timber that generally dates it to before the farm was bought by the Snyders. The south wall was taken down and the timber re-used to enlarge the barn by extending it to the south and raising the existing walls several feet. The new timber used in these alterations is circular sawn and probably dates the changes to the ownership of the Snyders, though there is little with which to give a firm date. The wagon shed and other sheds on the property also have construction that is consistent with the period of the Snyders' operation of "Oakland Farm."

Edward Snyder died in 1924 and William in 1937, just a month after his sister, Sallie, who also may have lived at "Oakland Farm." The Snyders had no children and the farm was sold at public auction. It was described as "improved by a large frame mansion house, a tenant house, a large bank barn (36 x 60), a corn house and wagon shed, a barracks and other outbuildings. This farm is in a very high state of cultivation, the buildings and fences thereon are in a high state of repair The mansion house on this farm is heated with a new oil burner, and the same, as well as the barn, is lighted with electricity. The house is also equipped with a bathroom and with hot and cold running water, the same being pumped by electricity from a never failing supply." The house was furnished with all the modern amenities, including a Philgas plant with a Heat-Master stove, a Frigidaire, a Maytag washing machine, and a Day-Fan radio. (3)

Likewise, the farm seems to have been supplied with most of the most modern machinery, such as a McCormick-Deering riding plow, a McCormick-Deering mower, a 7-foot McCormick-Deering binder that was almost new, a McCormick-Deering 24-disc harrow, and a McCormick-Deering grain drill that was also nearly new. There was still a lot of historic equipment on the farm that these new implements had replaced, such as a wooden frame harrow, a spike-tooth harrow, and a Syracuse plow. Snyder still had three work horses and probably used them for some chores. They may even have pulled the riding plow, since the description does not definitely indicate that it was motorized. Most farmers were still plowing with horses, but this was the period when the change over to tractors was starting. Snyder only had one cow and one heifer, which must have been for personal use, and had 28 acres in wheat, indicating that grain-raising was his primary focus. There were two ricks of straw and 50 shocks of fodder, suggesting that these traditional methods of storage were still being employed at the same time that farming was becoming heavily mechanized. (4)

The sale of "Oakland Farm" was held on March 16th, and an interesting note was attached to the sale ad that helps to bring to life the spectacle of a public auction at this time. The note stated: "Lunch will be served by the ladies of McKendree Church at reasonable prices. All other vendors of eatables are requested to stay away." Edwin and Beatrice Cissel and Phillip and Ella Cissel purchased "Oakland Farm" for \$15,600, and several years later Phillip and Ella sold their share to Edwin and Beatrice. The name of the farm was changed to "Chanceland Farm" by the Cissells. After Edwin's death in 1942, Beatrice remarried, and she remained here until her death in 1983. The farm was sold and broken up for development, with the current owners acquiring the house and outbuildings in 1986. (5)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.06 acresAcreage of historical setting 205 3/5 acresQuadrangle name SykesvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 9, p.10, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

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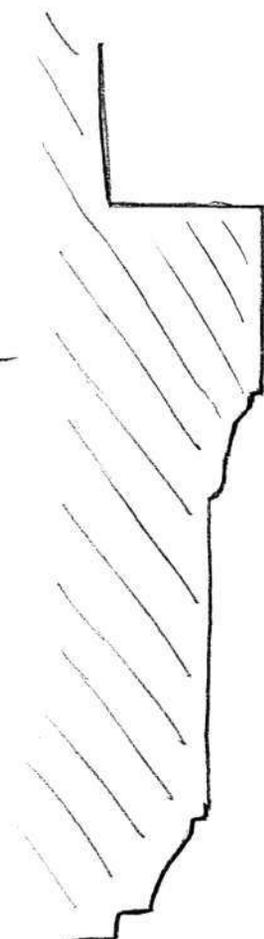
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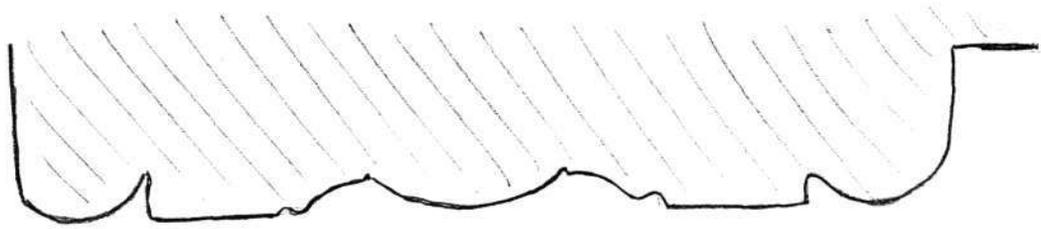
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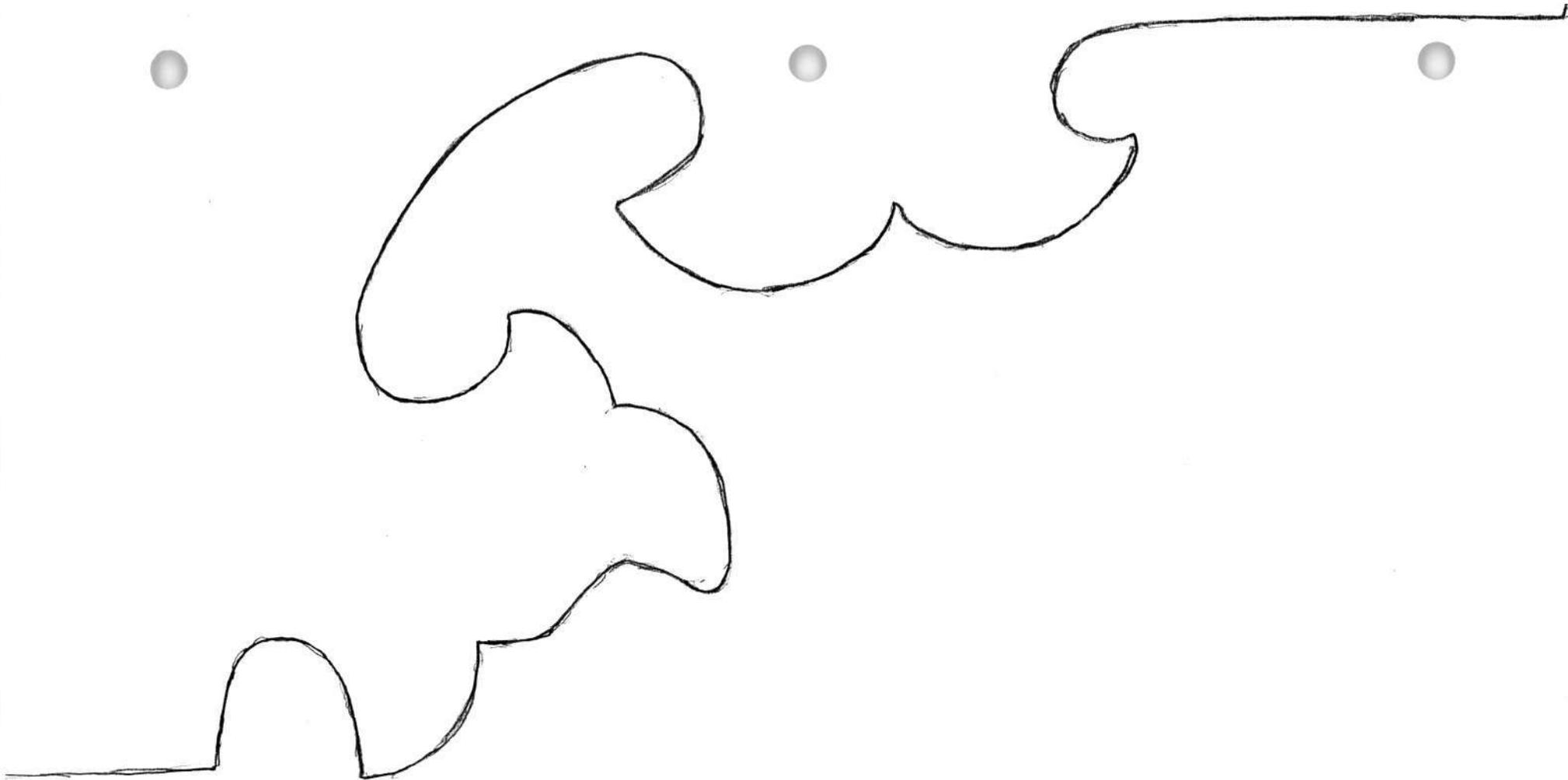
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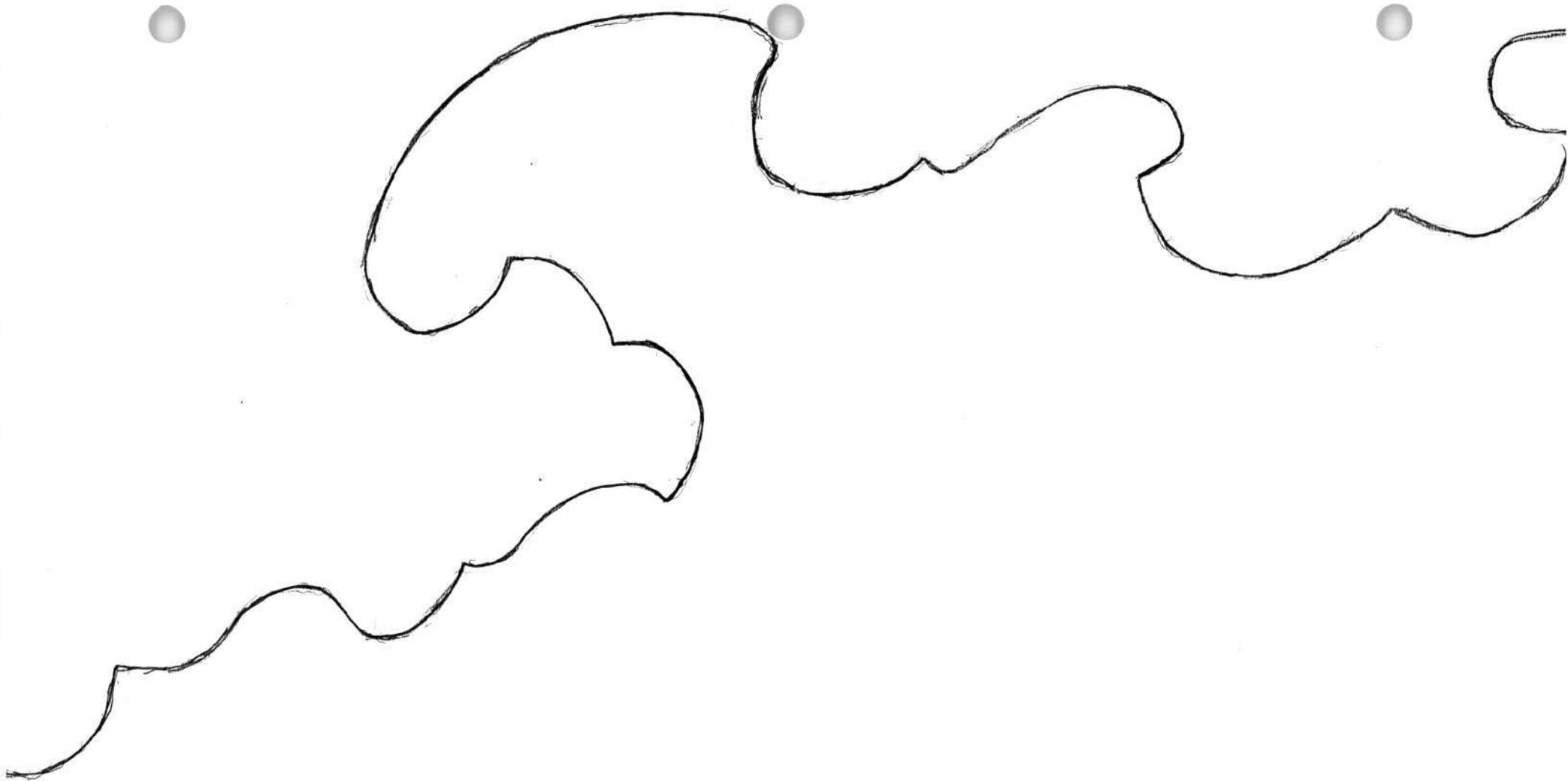


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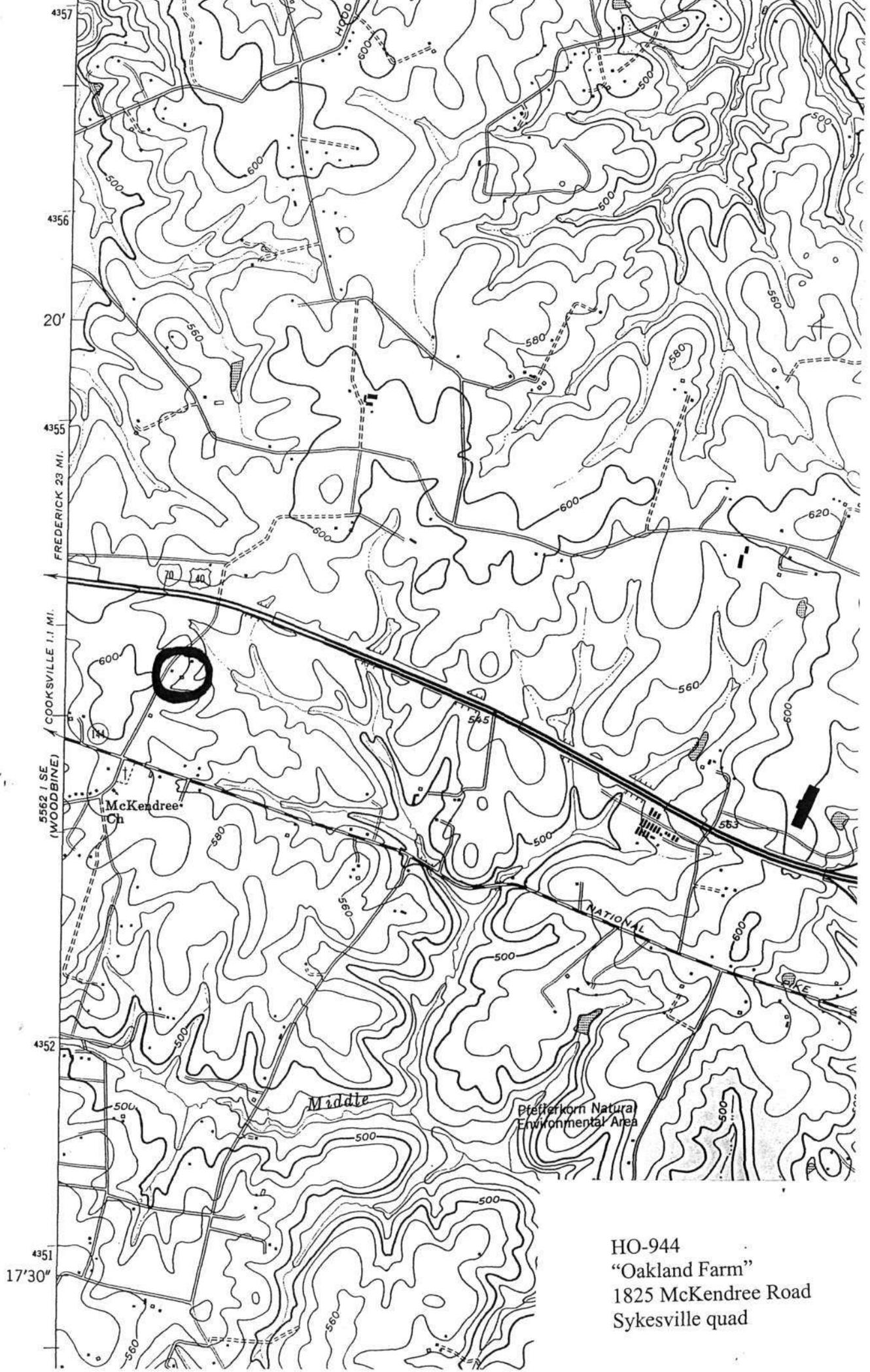
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Lester P. & Mary P. Weir Robert Allen Weir Margaret Ann McPherson- Stone	Lester P. & Mary P. Weir	3.3.2007	MDR 10596-126	Deed - fee simple	\$0	3.06 A	Lot 4 - Chanceland Farm Plat 6726
Lester P. & Mary P. Weir (H/W) /?	Lester P. & Mary P. Weir Robert Allen Weir Margaret Ann McPherson-Stone/?	5.12.1998	MDR 4298-297	Deed - fee simple	\$0	3.06 A	Lot 4 - Chanceland Farm Plat 6726
Conrad J. Langenfelder, Jr. & wf. Patricia A. /?	Lester P. & Mary P. Weir (H/W) /?	11.17.1986	CMP 1554- 102	Deed - fee simple	\$125,000	3.06 A	
Herbert A. Streaker J. Warren Streaker, personal reps. of Beatrice S. C. Pfefferkorn (nee Cissel) deceased/?	Conrad J. Langenfelder, Jr. & wf. Patricia A. /?	6.17.1985	CMP 1356-309	Deed - fee simple	\$656,000	?	BSCP d. 9.23.1983 Lots 1, 2, 3 EIC d. 2.8.1942 Plat 6067
Phillip B. & Ella B. Cissel (H/W), Howard	Edwin I. & Beatrice S. Cissel /Howard	6.21.1940	BM, Jr. 167-299	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	205 3/5 A	
James Clark, exec. of William L. Snyder/Howard	Edwin I. & Beatrice S. Cissel (H/W) Phillip B. & Ella B. Cissel (H/W)/Howard	10.7.1937	BM, Jr. 158-268	Deed - fee simple	\$15,600	205 3/5 A 1)190 A 2)10 A 3) 53/5 A	Will 9 Feb. 1937 probated written 1.19.1937 RLP 8-246 Public auction 2.16.1937 1) 1/2 A reserved for graveyard EFS will RD 6-371 5.13.1924 1) 2)
Walter & Julia A. Dorsey (H/W)/Howard	Edward F. Snyder William L. Snyder/Howard	3.29.1886	LJW 50-387	Deed - fee simple	\$10,000	1) 190 A 2) 10 A	p/o Oakland
Walter & Julia A. Dorsey (H/W)	Edward F. Snyder William L. Snyder	6.18.1887	LJW 53-106				3)
Wm. H. G. Dorsey Thos. Donaldson, trustees	Walter Dorsey/Howard	3.22.1855	WHW 17-83	Deed - indenture	\$4,896	282-1/2 A	Equity decree 7.23.1852 Thomas Hood <i>et al</i>

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Sykesville quad

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HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, west elevation

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House, west elevation, porch bracket

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House, south elevation

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House, south and east elevations

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House, north elevation

HO-0944_20071217_06
House interior, stairway

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House interior, south room mantel

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House interior, north room mantel

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House interior, north room mantel detail

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Shed, south and east elevations

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Barn, north elevation

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Barn and dairy, east and north elevations

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Barn, south elevation

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Barn interior, lower story, view
northwest

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Barn interior, upper story, view
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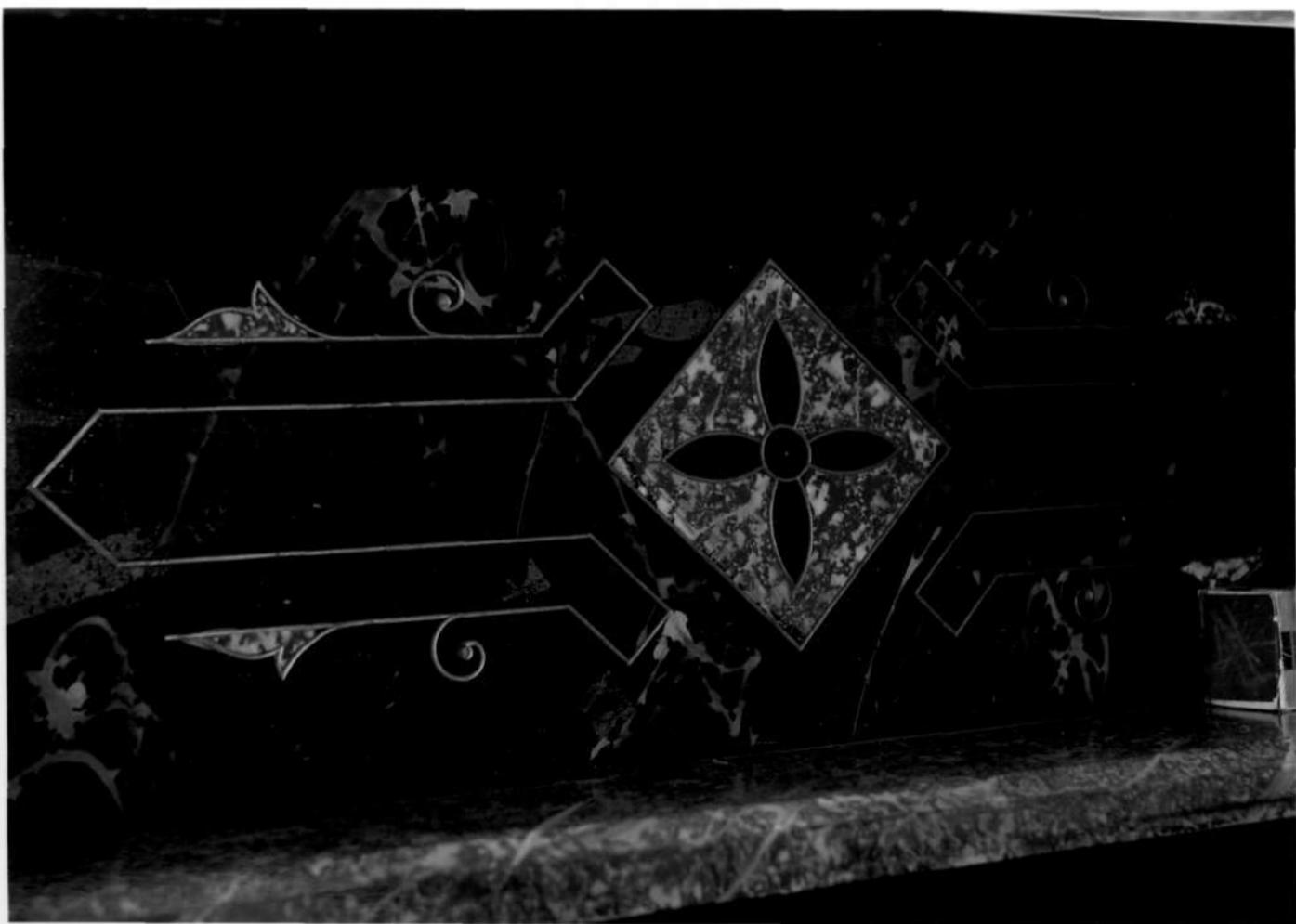
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View Northwest

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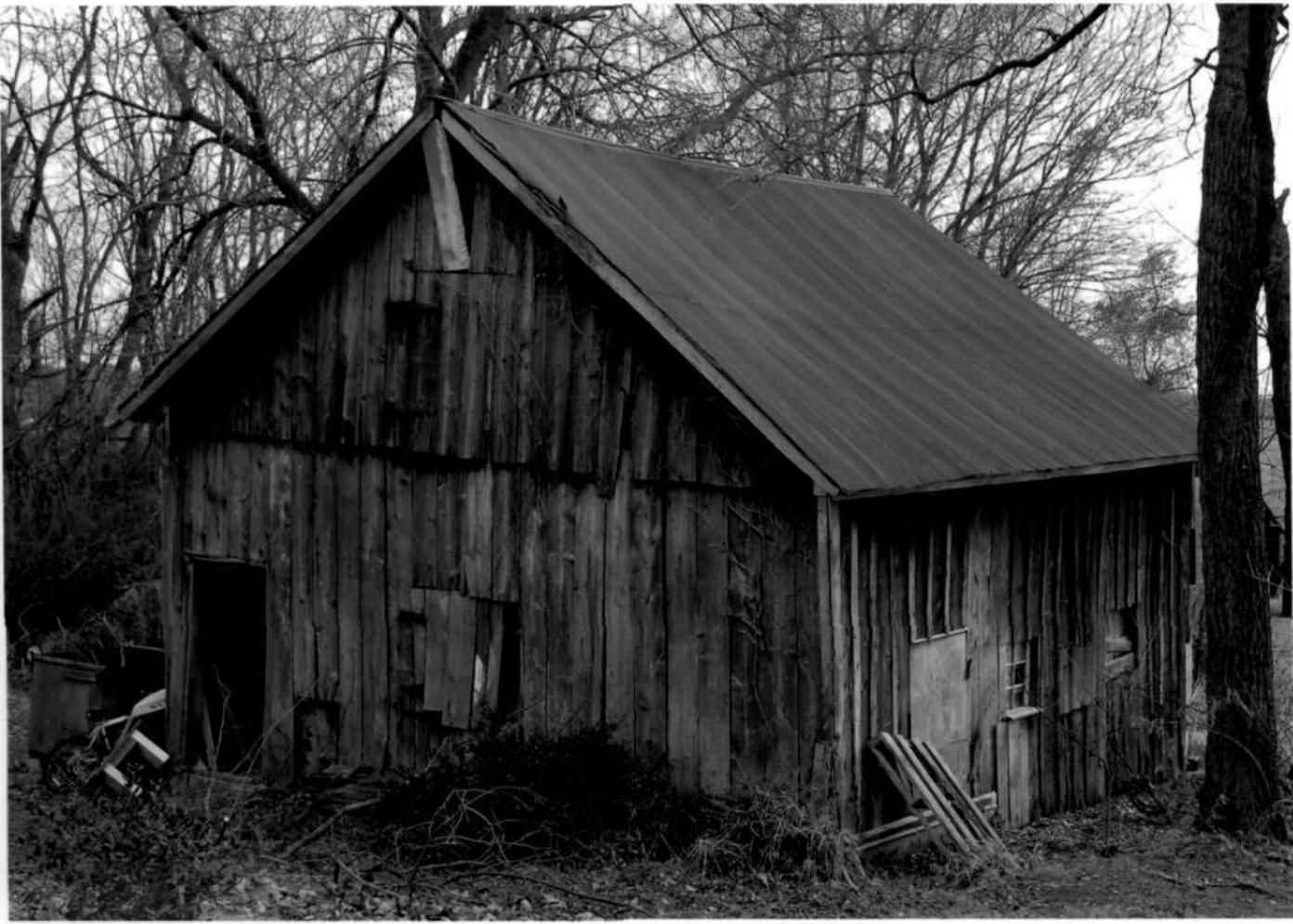
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